

THE JOINT RIVER COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 25, 2005
10:00 am

The meeting was brought to order by Art Taylor.

Those in attendance: Lee Sim, Craig Thomas, Art Taylor, Roger Hicken, Maurice Harvey, Leo L. Brady, John Swasey, Clinton Moon, Keith Hooper, Keith Denos, Karmel Murdock, Jim Wells, Bob Leake, Randy Crozier, Tom Bruton, John Swasey and Ginger McKinnon.

Minutes

Minutes of the January 28, 2004 Joint River Committee meeting were read.

MOTION: Keith Hooper moved that the minutes be approved. Leo Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner's Report

John Swasey reported on the 2004 irrigation year as follows: Project water in 2002 was 43,908 AF, in 2003 it was 27,513 AF and in 2004 the total release of project water was 23,191 AF. But, if the 2,843 A-F that was released for the fish and for the water that went into the Green River and on down to California is deducted, then the project water users actually used less than contract for 2004. Over all it was a very good year.

Last year the Midview Reservoir and the Outlet and Inlet Works were put on telemetry.

John commented that our next irrigation season (2005) is going to be even better than this year.

MOTION: Clinton Moon moved that the committee approve John's report. The motion was seconded by Roger Hicken. Motion carried.

Reappointment of River Commissioner

MOTION: Leo Brady made the motion that we reappoint John Swasey as River Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Roger Hicken. Motion carried.

Duty Schedule

Art Taylor recommends, even though we've had a good year, we should continue with a duty schedule for this year. John Swasey commented that once we included Red Creek within the duty schedule, it almost makes it to the point that every year we are going to need a duty because they're short of water almost every year. Leo Brady commented that a duty might help with the regulation efforts.

Block Notice 1B

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Stock Water in the Canal System

Many water users have requested that water be left in the canal for a short period of time after irrigation season is over so that they can water stock. Should stock watering be allowed in the canal system? John Swasey would like for the committee to decide if stock watering should be permitted and who will enforce whatever decision the committee decides upon. According to the duty schedule, the duty ends on the 15th of October and the water rights irrigation season ends on the 30th of October. Some water rights allow for stock watering. The State Engineer has taken the position that if it is not included on the original water right then it can not be allowed. It was decided to let the canal companies police their own areas and leave it at that.

Fish Flows on the Lower Duchesne River

The Endangered Species Act dictates that we maintain minimum flows on the Lower Duchesne River to provide for the needs of the endangered fish. From March 1 through June 30 we are required to run 115 cfs through the Randlett gauge and from July 1 through February 28/29, 50 cfs. CUWCD has conducted two tests, the first to determine if the releases are getting to the Randlett gauge and the second test to determine if the required levels are being maintained. Numerous other tests will be conducted through 2007.

Automation on the River

Randy Crozier reported that we have applied for a 2025, two year grant proposal for an automation system on the river. We applied jointly with Emery and Sevier Counties. The two year proposal went in at \$382,790 of in kind services and cash pledges and \$162,790, federal support.

2004 Budget Review

Lee Sim reviewed the 2004 receipts and expenditures. The ending balance on December 31, 2004 was \$38,334.59 with \$320.86 in delinquent water assessments.

2005 Budget Proposal

Proposed Budget for 2005	
BALANCE of Trust Funds 12-31-2004	\$38,334.59
RECEIPTS:	
Regular Assessments	\$87,101.69
Plus previous assessments and penalties.	
BUDGET:	
Commissioner Salary	\$50,000.00
Commissioner Social Security	3,825.00
Commissioner Retirement	7,440.00
Travel Expense	6,500.00
Insurance Premiums	11,400.00
State Engineer's Assessment	5,831.00
Office Expense	1,200.00
Secretarial Expense	200.00
Telephone Expense	1,538.00
Committee Expense	500.00
Annual Report	425.00
Equipment Expense	12,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	141.00
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$101,000.00

MOTION: Keith Denos motioned that the 2004 financial report and the 2005 proposed budget be approved. The motion was seconded by Roger Hicken. Motion carried.

Assessments were set at \$0.24 per acre-foot.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

DUCHESNE AND STRAWBERRY RIVERS WATER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL WATER USER AND ANNUAL MEETING WITH
STATE ENGINEER
February 1, 2005
10:00 am

Those in attendance:

NAME

Jay Abbott
Maurice Harvey
Clinton Moon
Karnel Murdock
Lynn Hansen
Bob Leake
Andrew Dutsen
Keith Hooper
Linda Ivie
John Swasey
Tom Golinski
Craig Thomas
Randy Crozier
Kirk Mullins
Moreen Henderson
Gary Robb
Weldon Brown
Jody Purdy
Jerry Wilson
Kalvin Killian
Gordon Moon
Richard Ivie
Clinton Park
Trent A. Potter
Dale M. Rasmussen
Bill Fausett
Lee Moon
Gary Stringham
John Larsen
Lee Sim

REPRESENTING

Rocky Point/ Meacham
Duchesne/Strawberry
Duchesne/Strawberry
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CUWCD
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River Commissioner
Duchesne/Strawberry
Hicken Ditch/ Duchesne/Strawberry
DCWCD
Wildlife Resource
UBIC
Knight
Shanks
Grey Mountain
Rocky Point
CUWCD
Rhoades/Grey Mountain
Duchesne City
Duchesne City
Duchesne/Strawberry
UBIC/Pleasant Valley
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Rocky Point
Hicken Ditch/LRCCC
Division of Water Rights
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Art Taylor conducted and called the meeting to order.

Bonneville Unit Workings

Keith Hooper did a power point presentation showing the over-all workings of the Bonneville Unit.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 11, 2004 Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers Water Users Association (DSRWUA) were read.

MOTION: Maurice Harvey moved that the minutes be approved. Jerry Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner's Report

John Swasey reported on the 2004 irrigation year as follows: In 2002 the total water used in the system was 311,635 AF, in 2003 it was 363,610 and in 2004 the total used was 385,726.

In 2002 project delivery was 43,908 AF, 2003 was 27,513 AF and 2004 it was only 23,191 AF. Project water used for irrigation was, in fact, less than the contract amount of 20,348 AF with the fish flow releases using the difference of 2,843 AF.

MOTION: Clinton Moon made the motion to accept John's report. Keith Hooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Re-appointment of River Commissioner

MOTION: Art Taylor moved that John Swasey be re-appointed as River Commissioner Lee Moon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2004 Financial Report

Lee Sim reviewed 2004 receipts and expenditures as follows:

BEGINNING BALANCE - January 1, 2004	\$11,806.66
RECEIPTS:	
Regular Assessments:	87,101.69
Delinquent Penalties:	806.00
Previous Assessments:	21,452.70
Interest Income:	443.44
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	<u>\$109,803.83</u>

(2004 Financial Report Cont.)

EXPENDITURES:

Budgeted Expenditures:	\$ 81,289.19
Special Expenditures:	1,986.71
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	<u>\$ 83,275.90</u>

ENDING BALANCE – December 31, 2004 \$ 38,334.59

MOTION: Craig Thomas made the motion to approve the financial report.
Weldon Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Proposed 2005 Budget

The proposed budget for 2005, as set by the Joint River Commission, was reviewed as follows:

BALANCE of Trust Funds 12-31-2004: \$38,334.59

RECEIPTS:

Regular Assessments (based on 2004 water usage)	87,101.69
Plus previous assessments and Penalties	

BUDGET:

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TOTAL BUDGET: \$101,000.00

MOTION: Lee Moon moved to accept the budget. Trent Potter seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Board Member Election

There are two positions on the board that are up for election this year. Craig Thomas' position on the Upper Duchesne River System is up as is Maurice Harvey's position for the Lower Duchesne River System.

Nominations to replace Craig Thomas on the Upper Duchesne River System were opened.

MOTION: Maurice Harvey moved that Craig remain in his position as a Board Member and be put in by acclamation. Clinton Moon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nominations to replace Maurice Harvey on the Lower Duchesne River System were opened.

MOTION: Dale Rasmussen moved that Maurice remain in his position as a Board Member and be put in by acclamation. Bill Fausett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Duty Schedule

MOTION: A motion to keep the duty schedule the same as last year was made by Jerry Wilson. The motion was seconded by Jody Purdy. Motion carried.

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Legislation

Lee Sim discussed legislation concerning water issues. House Bill #29 specifies rule making authority of the state engineer and clarifies provisions relating to suits in court to also include the prevention of the theft of water. House Bill #38 provides for graduated criminal penalties for various criminal provisions pertaining to the regulation and distribution of water. Another Bill outlines water enforcement procedures and penalties.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.